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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/708,831

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 9/4/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,8,9,11,13,15,16,18,19,21,22,25,30,34,36,42 and 47-58.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

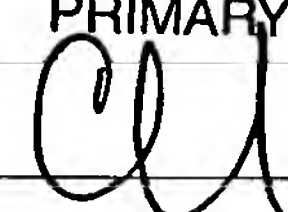
Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).

6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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DETAILED ACTION

Terminal Disclaimer

The terminal disclaimer filed on 4 September 2007 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on this application which would extend beyond the expiration dates of the full statutory term of the patent granted on pending reference Application Numbers 10/710,327, 10/710,329, 10/710,328, 10/710,311, 10/710,325 and 10/710,324 (all of the 10/710 series were filed on July 1, 2004); as well as Application Numbers 10/708,832 and 10/708,837 (all of the 10/708 series were filed on March 26, 2004) and U.S. Patent Numbers 7,059,531 and 7,121,471, have been reviewed and are accepted. The terminal disclaimer has been recorded.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 21, 22, 25, 30, 34, 36, 42 and 47 – 58 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited in the independent claims 1, 22 and 34.

The prior arts fail to teach or suggest a transponder-reader transaction system configured with a biometric security system comprising a transponder configured to communicate with said system; and a hand geometry scan sensor configured to detect a proffered hand geometry scan sample and a device configured to verify said proffered hand geometry scan sample to facilitate a transaction; and wherein said system is configured to determine whether a user requested transaction exceeds a preloaded value defined by a

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preloaded value data file associated with a transponder; determine whether said transaction exceeds a combination of said preloaded value and a reload value defined by a reload protocol data file associated with said transponder, wherein said preloaded value data file and said reload protocol data file define predetermined values for use in satisfying a user transaction request; notify a user to proffer a biometric sample to authorize use of said combination of said preloaded value and said reload value to complete said transaction; detect a proffered biometric sample at a sensor communicating with said system; verify said proffered biometric sample; and authorize said transaction to proceed by applying said preloaded value from a first funding source associated with said transponder and applying a portion of said reload value from one of said first funding source and a second funding source according to said reload protocol data file.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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